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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPT 29

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S.- RELATED COVERAGE IS VERY LIGHT

-- EVERYTHING ELSE IS RELATIVELY LIGHT TOO BECAUSE
PRAVDA IS DOMINATED BY FULL TEXT OF GROMYKO'S UN SPEECH,
MAIN POINTS OF WHICH ARE DISCUSSED SEPTEL.

-- PRAVDA FRONTPAGES TEXT OF LATEST SOVIET
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO JAPAN ON THE MIG-DEFECTOR CASE,
REITERATING AND INTENSIFYING PREVIOUS SOVIET COMMENTARY
ON THE SUBJECT. ALL MEDIA REPORT BRIEFLY MOSCOW PRESS
CONFERENCE ON SEPT 28 ON THE BELENKO CASE. LITGAZ
ALSO CARRIES A SHARP ITEM CHARGING JAPAN WITH ACTING
ILLEGALLY IN NOT RETURNING PLANE. ITEM CITES 1970
INTRUSION OF U.S. PLANE FROM TURKEY AS EXAMPLE OF
(PROPER) SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN SIMILAR CASE.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ BOTH CARRY STORY FROM TASS-BONN
THAT SCHMIDT SAYS HE INTENDS TO RAISE MBFR AMONG OTHER
SUBJECTS WITH BREZHNEV ON LATTER'S VISIT TO FRG.
SCHMIDT ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE WILL DISCUSS
MATTER WITH AMERICAN PRESIDENT "WHO WILL BE ELECTED IN
BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER," ALSO ON FRG, PRAVDA NOTES
GROMYKO MEETING WITH GENSCHER IN NEW YORK "IN FRANK
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AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE."

-- ON LEBANON, PRAVDA CARRIES TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE
WHICH MENTIONS STATEMENT OF UNIFIED COMMAND OF NATIONAL-
PATRIOTIC FORCES ON SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK BY SYRIAN
TROOPS AND RIGHTIST FORCES ON POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY
LEFTIST FORCES AND PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. TASS
HELSINKI ARTICLE IN PRAVDA ON WORLD PEACE COUNCIL DECLARATION ON
LEBANON CHARGES U.S. WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS IN
LEBANON. IZVESTIYA HAS "PRESS SERVICE"

ARTICLE ON SARKIS-JUMBLATT CONSULTATIONS. ARTICLE DESCRIBES SADAT'S PROPOSAL FOR ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE (INCLUDING PLO) IN SAUDI ARABIA AND SARKIS' RESPONSE SUGGESTING PARTICIPATION BY CHIEFS OF STATE.

-- ON AFRICA, IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE CONTRASTING U.S. EFFORT TO KEEP RHODESIA IN "WESTERN ORBIT" WITH U.S. PROPAGANDA EFFORT TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT U.S. GOAL IS TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH WOULD SECURE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF AFRICAN MAJORITY. ARTICLE DESCRIBES BOTH BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS' "REJECTION" OF PLAN AND THEIR COUNTER-SUGGESTIONS, I.E., CONVOCATION OF CONFERENCE BY UK TO DISCUSS COMPOSITION AND AUTHORITY OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND TO EXAMINE PROCESS OF CONVOCATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. U.S.:

-- CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY BRIEF TASS REPORT THAT HEADS OF U.S.-SOVIET SALT DELEGATIONS MET ON SEPT 28 IN GENEVA.

-- LIT GAZ HAS A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE CHARGING THAT U.S. DISSIDENTS ARE SENT TO MENTAL INSTITUTIONS.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION IN ADDIS ABABA FOLLOWING REPORTED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PMAC FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM. ONE SIGN REPORTEDLY CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS READ "BRING CIA INTRIGUES TO AN END*" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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